



# EACC NEWS

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## TENTATIVE "YES" TO CHURCH UNION IN NEW ZEALAND

**CHRISTCHURCH** - All five negotiating churches have voted in favour of church union although the vote in the Anglican Church and the two smaller churches is not as high as hoped.

In the Methodist Church a strong vote of 86% in favour showed the commitment of that denomination to union. Votes in the district synods had already shown that the leadership of the church is even more strongly in favour with an overall positive vote of 93%.

The Presbyterian vote of 70% in support of union was higher than some had anticipated. The active opponents of union were organised into the "Westminster Fellowship" but the vote showed that this organisation did not have as much popular backing as anticipated.

Anglican churches were bitterly divided. In the weeks before the vote large newspaper advertisements and television debates showed the depth of feeling both by the opponents and supporters of union. Anglicans voted 58% in favour of union with the active clergy 54% in favour and the retired clergy 47%. Only one diocesan bishop voted against the plan.

The Associated Churches of Christ (Disciples) had a 55% vote in favour and the Congregational vote in support was 54%. Both are congregational in government so there would be about half of their congregations able to enter a union church.

Results go to national conferences for consideration but in the case of the Anglican Church this will not happen until 1974 when General Synod is next held.

## KAATS LECTURESHIP

**SEOUL** - The Korean Association of Accredited Theological Schools (KAATS) Lectureship for this year will be held at Yonsei University, Graduate School of Administration at Seoul on 23-24 October 1972.

Seven scholars representing seven different theological schools in Korea are expected to present their academic papers. These scholars were nominated as researchers in their respective scholars' societies and are working on their papers with special concern for the genuine independent theology which is firmly rooted on the Korean context.

The KAATS annual meeting of 1972 will also be held in conjunction with the KAATS Lectureship. The general guidelines for next year's Lectureship will be set out at the meeting.



Dr. Jun Ojima of Rikkyo University and Dr. Yoshiro Ishida of the Lutheran Theological College, both scholars from Japan, have been invited to participate as guests at the above events.

Yonsei University United Graduate School of Theology, Methodist Theological Seminary, Hankuk Theological Seminary, Presbyterian Theological Seminary, and Seoul Theological Seminary are the member schools of KAATS which offer graduate courses. During the year Honam Theological Seminary (Presbyterian) in Kwangju, southwest of Seoul, a recognized college level school of theology, was accepted as an associate member school of KAATS.

#### CANADIAN URBAN TRAINING PROJECT CONDUCTS ACTION TRAINING EVENT

TORONTO - The Canadian Urban Training Project (Toronto), in cooperation with community staff resource persons, is conducting an action training event focusing on the implications of urban redevelopment and how this affects the community and what it means for the mission of the Church. Redevelopment areas in Toronto are case studies and models for training. The event brings together Church and community leaders, Canadian Urban Training graduates and community resource persons. An involvement/reflection methodology is being used. There are three phases to the training: (a) a three-day live-in at Canadian Urban Training, September 15 to 17, 1972; (b) weekly half-day sessions (10); and (c) a three-day live-in reflection, evaluation, strategy session, December 1 to 3, 1972.

#### AUSTRALIAN CHURCHES WILL ASSIST UGANDAN ASIANS TO SETTLE

SYDNEY - The refugee resettlement department of the Australian Council of Churches is to act as a "clearing house" for Ugandan Asian refugees migrating to Australia. The department will coordinate the work of immigration staff of all churches in the reception and initial settlement of the refugees. Arrangements for reception of the migrants were worked out by the staff of five church bodies responsible for immigration work and officials of the Department of Immigration.

Church representatives will meet incoming refugees at the airport and assist, when necessary, with resettlement problems such as employment, education, health and social welfare. The refugees will be accommodated either with relatives resident in Australia or in migrant accommodation centres. Assistance with resettlement will be necessary because refugees are only permitted to take clothing and the equivalent of \$110 per family unit out of Uganda.

Announcing the arrangements, ACC General Secretary, the Rev. F. G. Engel said: "We are faced by a situation of human need. Australia could take many more refugees without any challenge to the existing immigration policy. It may mean a higher intake of non-European migrants this year than is usual, but that is reasonable and desirable with the present refugee crisis in Uganda."

Mr. Engel urged Australian people to write to the Minister for Immigration to back up a request made by a recent deputation representing 13 churches that at least 3,000 refugees should be accepted by Australia.



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Meanwhile, in Geneva, Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, general secretary of the World Council of Churches, has expressed his continuing concern for the plight of Asians in Uganda in an open letter sent to all members of the WCC's policy-making Central Committee.

In his review of WCC actions taken since the Central Committee meeting, Dr. Blake drew attention to the initial \$50,000 appeal issued recently by the Commission on Inter-Church Aid, Refugee and World Service. The Central Committee members were told that churches in Britain, India, Pakistan, Australia, New Zealand and North America, and the All Africa Conference of Churches had been assured of WCC support for any programmes they mount to assist the Asians. Dr. Blake assured the Central Committee members that the WCC could continue to keep the situation, especially that of the Asians who have Uganda citizenship, under continuous review.

#### CATHOLICS HOLD NATIONAL HOSPITAL CONVENTION

NEW DELHI - The Catholic Hospital Association (CHA) of India is holding its National Hospital Convention at the Institution of Engineers, Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh, October 15 to 18, 1972. The theme of the Convention is "Entering into the New World of Health Care".

The main emphasis in the programme will be on the new realisations concerning the health needs of India. Stress also will be laid on the evolution, growth and the present situation of voluntary health services. Dynamic proposals for group goals will be made and determined lines of action will also be drawn out for the future.

The need for increased collaboration between government and voluntary health sectors will be another distinguishing feature of the Convention. Efforts shall be made to promote better dialogue and to find out means and ways as to how these two agencies could coordinate with each other more effectively in the ministry of healing. Another attraction of the Convention will be a large exhibition of hospital equipment and other medical supplies.

All hospital administrators and staff are welcome to the Convention irrespective of religious affiliation.

#### SCIENTISTS PLAN JOINT ATTACK ON SOCIAL PROBLEMS

WASHINGTON - A new organization composed of scientists from 12 nations came into being on October 4 when representatives of scholarly organizations from the member nations signed a charter in London. This organization, which will have its headquarters and staff of about 100 professionals in Laxenburg Palace 16 kilometers from Vienna, calls itself the International Institute of Applied Systems Analysis. Participating are scientists from the United States, the Soviet Union, the United Kingdom, Japan, Canada, Czechoslovakia, France, both East and West Germany, Italy, Bulgaria and Poland.

The new body is believed to be the first non-governmental, multinational organization to attack large and complex social problems of world-wide scope. It will study the management of large communities, provision of health services



for large populations, world-wide environmental and energy problems, and other matters that affect nearly all men.

Because these scholarly groups will control policies and operating philosophy, the institute is expected to be free from governmental pressures which often encourage or force researchers to aim at specific results for immediate use in a particular geographic area or for relatively narrow national interests. All information developed in the institute's research and studies will be made available to the scientific communities in all nations.

Being considered as one of the first tasks of the institute staff and visiting scholars is a study of the world supply of energy resources and demands for energy. This is expected to include the feasibility of substitutions among energy sources, an assessment of future technologies and their expected impact on the world energy picture, and the hazards in each source.

Other projects under consideration are investigations of medical data handling to improve diagnosis and treatment, population control and genetic engineering, weather modification, international problems of ocean fishing, the management of sanitation and transportation services, the design of new towns, and the phased renewal of old towns.

#### BRIEFS

- ... Christian Education Week in Japan will run from October 15 - 22, 1972. Its theme is "With Brotherly Affection". The Committee for the Week of Christian Education of NCC Japan is asking the children to contribute to the purchase of X-ray equipment for the use of Dr. and Mrs. Kuniyuki Ito, who are working in mountain villages with the United Mission to Nepal.
- ... In India, the government is expected to shortly introduce a bill in Parliament imposing suitable restrictions on the receipt of funds from foreign organizations, agencies or individuals other than in the course of ordinary and bonafide transactions. However, there was no proposal to ban the entry of foreign missionaries into the country.
- ... The NCC in New Zealand and the Roman Catholic Church are represented in all penal institutions in New Zealand by parallel chaplaincies. Because of their work more and more congregations and church homes are being involved in hospitality and efforts at rehabilitation. The Chaplains' Association has an annual meeting and publishes its own magazine.
- ... The Christian Association for Radio and Audio-Visual Service (CARAVS) Fifth Triennial is scheduled for October 17 to 21, 1972 at Jabalpur, M.P., on the theme "The Challenge of Change". The keynote address on "Behold I Make All Things New" will be delivered by Bishop R. D. Joshi, President of CARAVS.
- ... The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand will meet at St. Andrew's Church, Palmerston North, Auckland, from October 28 to November 2, 1972.





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### JOINT MEETINGS OF ACS REFERENCE COMMITTEE, EACC AND INDOCHINA SUBCOMMITTEE, WCC

Two significant events will precede and follow the meeting of the EACC Committee of Reference for Asian Christian Service which will be held at the Bangkok YMCA, November 16 and 17, 1972.

From 10-14 November, members of the ACS Committee and members of the World Council of Churches Commission on Inter-church Aid, Refugee and World Service (CICARWS) Indochina Sub-committee will visit Vietnam and Laos to become acquainted with some of the field programmes and to meet with people and staff in these countries before the meetings at Bangkok. Immediately after the field visits the Indochina Fund Committee, composed at present of ten members, will meet on 15th November.

Simultaneous meetings of the ACS Committee and the CICARWS Indochina Sub-committee will commence on the 16th till noon of 17th. This is the first occasion for the Sub-committee to meet in Asia, and it is being done on the invitation of EACC and ACS.

A total review of the work of ACS, review of budgets, approval of budgets for 1973 as well as the formulation of programmes and plans for the ensuing period are the main items on the agenda of the ACS Committee. The Finance and Personnel Committee of ACS is also scheduled to meet at the time of the Reference Committee.

Following the separate meetings a joint occasion will take place in which speakers from ECAFE and the Lao Embassy are invited to speak on the Socio-economic and Cultural Development Plans for the Riparian Region; and on the Development Problems of Laos and the Objectives of the Mekong Development Plan respectively.

### ACS PARTICIPATES IN HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

The Chairman of the ACS Programme Advisory Committee, the Field Director, two nurses and two doctors were named participants from ACS Laos in the Asian Ecumenical Conference on the Role of Health in the Development of Nations to be held in Bangkok in December.

Names from Vietnam were not yet submitted but invitations from ACS Field Director have gone to the President of the Mennonite Church and the Evangelical Church of Vietnam, to send representatives to the above Conference.



WCC OFFICIAL  
STAFF VISITS  
ACS FIELD  
OFFICES

During the last week of September, Mr. Soon Young Hahn, Secretary for Asian Refugee and Assistant Emergency Officer of World Council of Churches Commission on Inter-church Aid, Refugee and World Service visited Asian Christian Service offices in Laos and Vietnam. In both places he met with ACS staff and had informal conversations with church leaders and government officials.

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- (140) Fishery project of the street boys in  
← (141) Vung Tau, Phuoc Tuy Province, 123 km  
southeast of Saigon. This project was  
started in March this year.



- (142) Tailoring course offered by the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary to the Montagnard women in Suoi Dau, Nha Trang. Technical assistance is offered by ACS to the missionaries for their social work in Saigon.



- (143) Orphans at Nhat Clei Mai orphanage in Bien Hoa Province, Vietnam.





(144) Laotian girl gathering firewood.



(145) Pounding rice is no fun!



(146) A segment of Paksong community.



(147) Next! (Dr. Maddox and Thai nurses on health care round.)



(148) Mother's little helper.



a s i a n c h r i s t i a n s e r v i c e n e w sAGRONOMIST JOINS  
BERRS

Mr. Ferry Lathuhihim Dharma, a thirty-two year old agronomist has been appointed Assistant Director for the Agricultural Programme of BERRS in Bangladesh. He is expected to arrive in Dacca to undertake his responsibilities no later than the last week of October, and his assignment will run to June, 1973, with possible extensions. Mr. Dharma will be seconded through the EACC programme on Justice and Service to serve with BERRS during this assignment.

Born on an island in the Molluccas called Banda Naira, Mr. Dharma finished high school in 1959. That year he began his studies at the Institute of Agricultural Sciences in Bogor. In March 1972 he was inaugurated as an agriculturist with a title "Ir" - equivalent to M.S. or M.A.

During his college years, Mr. Dharma served as a supervisor on a rice and corn plantation. In connection with his studies he also worked as Project Officer in mixed farming, and as Assistant Director on a rubber foundation. He is an active member of the SCM in Bogor. After completing college, Mr. Dharma was appointed as the Assistant to the Director of the Development Center, DGI.

ACS GRANTS  
SCHOLARSHIPS

On Monday, September 18, the Scholarship Committee (composed of 2 members of ACS Programme Advisory Committee and three ACS Executive Staff members) allocated money for 3 scholarships to the Mennonite Church for the training of three church members in home industrial and car electricity in a technical school in Saigon. The training programme will last eight months. Each student was granted 58,000VN\$ (equivalent to US\$135) for tuition, subsistence and purchase of electrical equipment. The names of the trainees receiving scholarships are Tran Vinh Linh, Do Van An and Vo Van Tam. They will serve as instructors at the Mennonite Social Center in Gia Dinh Province (suburb of Saigon) upon graduation in May 1973.

Up to the present time sixty-eight scholarships have been distributed by ACS to eighteen Vietnamese social and religious organizations to train their personnel, future personnel and members in medical, agricultural, social and technical fields. Priority of scholarships distribution is given to organizations which are cooperating with ACS in socio-economic development field.



## FALL OF KENGKOK

On the afternoon of Friday October 27, Kengkok, located forty kilometers southeast of Savannakhet and thirty-five kilometers from Paksong Lahanam where Asian Christian Service maintains a medical center, was taken by North Vietnamese troops. The four missionaries there were ordered to remain under house arrest, one of them allegedly wounded. Dr. Maddox, who heads up the Medical Health team was requested to leave by helicopter but says he will remain until it becomes completely impossible for him to function at which point he will go by land across the Mekong to Kemarat on the Thai border. The five Thai nurses working with him will also stay on as long as possible.

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